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**CITY OF BURLINGTON
Common Council Minutes
Jeannie Hefty, Mayor
Diahnn Halbach, City Clerk
Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**

Mayor Jeannie Hefty called the Common Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll Call - Present: Alderman Susan Kott, Alderman Theresa Meyer, Alderman Bob Grandi, Alderman Ryan Heft, Alderman Steve Rauch, Alderman Jon Schultz, Alderman Tom Preusker, Alderman Todd Bauman. Excused: None.

Student Representatives - Present: Peter DeSmidt (CCHS). Excused: Thomas Martin (BHS),

Staff present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Carina Walters, Assistant City Administrator/Zoning Administrator Megan Watkins, Finance Director Steven DeQuaker, Public Works Director Peter Riggs, Police Chief Mark Anderson, Building Inspector Gregory Guidry, Library Director Joe Davies, and City Intern Nicholas Faust.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Citizen Comments - There were none.**

4. **Chamber of Commerce Representative and Rescue Squad Representative**

Tony Martin, Chamber Representative, provided an update on upcoming events including the Christmas Parade, the Santa's Chalet Fundraiser, the Annual Auction and Dinner and the Home and Garden Show.

5. **Approval of Minutes** - To approve the November 19, 2019 Common Council minutes.
Motion: Alderman Preusker. Second: Alderman Bauman. With all in favor, the motion carried.

6. **Reports by Aldermanic Representatives and Department Heads**

Alderman Kott mentioned that a vehicle had been secured for the Christmas Parade and will be located at the DPW for decorating.

Alderman Grandi provided a Pool Board update and stated that due to the construction of the new middle school an announcement was made that kids would be heading back to school earlier than normal, which will affect pool attendance as well as available workers, but the board is already working towards a solution and will keep everyone informed. Grandi also stated that there was a discrepancy between deposits and credit card purchases. Grandi further stated that it appears the credit card company wasn't processing the payments and therefore was never collected. Members of the pool board began making phone calls to the individuals who made these purchases and explained to them what happened and the people were all very understanding, with the exception of one individual.

Administrator Walters announced that the Heads of Government meeting scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, has been postponed to Thursday, January 30. Walters stated that the meeting will include a presentation on the Racine County Housing Study and other important county updates and encouraged Council's attendance at this meeting.

7. **Reports** - To approve Report 1 as submitted.

Motion: Alderman Bauman. Second: Alderman Kott. With all in favor, the motion carried.

8. **Payment of Prepaids and Vouchers** - To approve the Prepaid and Vouchers list for bills accrued through December 3, 2019.

Motion: Alderman Kott. Second: Alderman Heft. Roll Call Vote: Aye - 8. Nay - 0. Motion carried.

9. **Licenses** - To approve Operator's License Applications as submitted.

Motion: Alderman Meyer. Second: Alderman Preusker. With all in favor, the motion carried.

10. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- C. **Resolution 4973(26)** - To approve a Revolving Loan Fund Grant to Miller Motor Sales, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000.

Motion: Alderman Grandi. Second: Alderman Meyer. Roll Call Vote: Aye - 8. Nay - 0. The motion carried.

- D. **Resolution 4974(27)** - To approve a Revolving Loan Fund Grant to the Performing Arts Group in the not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000.

- Alderman Preusker recommended not to approve the motion because it does not meet the requirements.
- Alderman Kott stated that she would not approve the motion due to there being zero dollars donated for this project so far.
- Alderman Meyer said she would support further down the road, but not at this time.
- Alderman Grandi commented that this grant does fulfill one of the objectives and felt that risk vs reward is worth it for the potential of what this could bring to Burlington.
- Alderman Heft said that he supports the PAC and would support further down the road as well, but felt the City shouldn't be paying for a feasibility study.
- Alderman Rauch stated that although Miller Motors was approved for a grant, they have the money to proceed with their project with or without a grant from the City; however, the PAC needs help and feels their project can fit within the required criteria.
- Alderman Schultz commented to "Dream Big" and supports the chance to be part of something very positive for Burlington.
- Carolyn Engel, RCEDC, provided

Motion: Alderman Heft. Second: Alderman Grandi. Roll Call Vote: Aye - 5. Nay - 3 (Kott, Meyer, Preusker). The motion carried.

11. **ORDINANCES:**

- A. **Ordinance 2052(18)** - To consider approving a Rezone Map Amendment request at 416 E. Jefferson Street from B-2 District to Rd-2 District.

Motion: Alderman Rauch. Second: Alderman Kott. With all in favor, the motion carried.

12. **MOTIONS:** NONE

13. **ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion: Alderman Schultz. Second: Alderman Rauch. Roll Call Vote: Aye - 8. Nay - 0. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned into Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

- EMS Agreement between the City of Burlington and the Town of Burlington

Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

- A discussion regarding allegations personally made by Ms. Dorothy Dean against the City Attorney regarding the ADA bathrooms being required at 225 East Jefferson Street, aka 2 Fancie Gals.

14. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

Motion: Alderman Preusker. Second: Alderman Meyer. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned into Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

15. **ACT ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY**

A motion was made by Alderman Kott with a second by Alderman Heft to approve the EMS Agreement between the Town of Burlington and the City of Burlington subject to revisions and approval by the City Attorney, City Administrator, Mayor, Finance Director, and the Common Council President. With all in favor, the motion carried.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Alderman Bauman. Second: Alderman Rauch. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diahnn C. Halbach
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